

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-39 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Reichle in the November 25, 2009 and November 30, 2009 phone messages. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the messages is incorporated into the following remarks.

As discussed in the phone messages, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Notice) asserts that the amendment to the specification at page 15 is not accurate because an inaccurate location has been designated. Applicants respectfully assert that the 3 paragraphs of text above the paragraph to be replaced constitute "12 lines," the heading "Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention" constitutes "1 line" and the blank line above the heading constitutes "1 line." Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that paragraph to be replaced on page 15 is correctly listed as beginning on line 15. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

The Notice also asserts formal matters. However, these formal matters are not a subject matter of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants will address potential §112 issues related to these asserted formal matters if raised in the next Office Action on the merits.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice be withdrawn. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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